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REMARKS

The Official Action dated June 26, 2003 has been carefully considered. Accordingly, the changes presented herewith, taken with the following remarks, are believed sufficient to place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 have been cancelled and claims 26-30 have been added. Support for the added claims may be found in original claims 1-25 and at page 8, lines 1-18 and at page 9, lines 5-15. Since these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, the Examiner required correction of the parent application serial number. The present amendment corrects the parent application serial number to 09/594,786. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, the Examiner asserted the title was not descriptive. The present amendment amends the title to a more descriptive title. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, claims 18 and 19 were objected to by the Examiner for informalities. The objected claims have been cancelled, whereby the Examiner's objection is overcome. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Zellweger et al., "Fluid links for informed and incremental link transitions", 1998 (hereafter "Zellweger"). The Examiner asserted that Zellweger teaches a method for enhancing a hyperlink, the method comprising: displaying a toolbar if a pointer is proximate the hyperlink, the toolbar displaying at least one hyperlink enhancement; and in response to a users selection of a selected link enhancement, performing the selected link enhancement.

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However, as will be set forth in detail below, it is submitted that the presently

amended methods of claims 26-30 are not anticipated by Zellweger. Accordingly, this

rejection is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As defined by claim 26, the present invention is directed to a method of operating a

computer. The method comprises providing a visual display; displaying digital content in a

first window on the visual display, the digital content including a hyperlink; providing a

graphical interface on the visual display that is operative to effectuate a designation of a

hyperlink; visually generating a plurality of individually selectable user options on the visual

display in response to the designation of the hyperlink, **including at least one option for**

performing the non-linking functionality of automatically copying the hyperlink to a

second window in a manner that permits the copied hyperlink to be independently

activated and processed; and selecting the individually selectable user option of copying the

hyperlink to a second window and automatically performing such non-linking functionality

of automatically copying the hyperlink to a second window in response to the selection.

As defined by claim 29, the present invention is directed to a method of operating a

computer. The method comprises: providing a visual display; displaying digital content in a

first window on the visual display, the digital content including a hyperlink; providing a

graphical interface on the visual display that is operative to effectuate a designation of a

hyperlink; visually generating a plurality of individually selectable user options on the visual

display in response to the designation of the hyperlink, **including at least one option for**

performing the non-linking functionality of automatically creating a hyperlink for the

displayed digital content, copying the created hyperlink for the displayed digital content

to a viewable list in a second window, and loading the digital content associated with the

designated hyperlink in the first window on the visual display; and selecting the individually

selectable user option of automatically creating a hyperlink for the displayed digital content,

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copying the created hyperlink for the displayed digital content to a viewable list in a second

window, and loading the digital content associated with the designated hyperlink in the first

window on the visual display and performing such non-linking functionality in response to

the selection.

Zellweger discloses a user interface technique for hypertext using fluid links. Upon

designation of a hyperlink, the program provides a "gloss" of the designated hyperlink,

wherein the "gloss" is a brief explanation positioned in the margin or between the lines of a

text. In one embodiment, the "gloss" is a sample of the actual text from the content of the

hyperlink. Zellweger does not disclose any visual generation of a plurality of options

presented to the user upon designation of a hyperlink, **including at least one option for**

performing the non-linking functionality of automatically copying the hyperlink to a

second window in a manner that permits the copied hyperlink to be independently

activated and processed. Zellweger only discloses displaying a "gloss" of the content

corresponding to the designated hyperlink. Zellweger fails to teach or disclose presenting a

user option for performing the non-linking functionality of automatically copying the

hyperlink to a second window in response to the selection.

Anticipation under 35 U.S.C. §102 requires the disclosure in a single prior art

reference of each element of the claims under consideration, *Alco Standard Corp. v. TVA,*

808 F.2d 1490, 1 U.S.P.Q.2d 1337, 1341 (Fed. Cir. 1986). As Applicants find no teaching or

disclosure by Zellweger of visually generating a plurality of user options in response to the

designation of the hyperlink, including at least one option for performing the non-linking

functionality of automatically copying the hyperlink to a second window in a manner that

permits the copied hyperlink to be independently activated and processed and no teaching or

disclosure by Zellweger of automatically performing such non-linking functionality of

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automatically copying the hyperlink to a second window in response to the selection,

Zellweger does not anticipate claims 26-30 under 35 U.S.C. §102.

It is therefore submitted that the presently claimed methods of operating a computer

are not anticipated by Zellweger, whereby the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) has been

overcome. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Examiner's

rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 and places the present application in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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